

CITY OF SWEETWATER
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

MEETING DATE: MARCH 19, 2012 AT 8:00 PM COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 500 SW 109 AVENUE

1. ROLL CALL.

Present: Honorable Manuel L. Marono, Mayor; Commission President Jose M. Diaz; Commissioners Prisca Barreto, Jose Bergouignan, Jr., Manuel Duasso, Jose M. Guerra, Orlando Lopez and Isolina Marono; City Attorney Ralph Ventura and City Clerk Marie Schmidt.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

President Diaz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION.

President Diaz gave the Invocation.

4. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF ITS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2012 IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$950,000; ACCEPTING THE COMMITMENT OF REGIONS BANK TO PROVIDE THE FINANCING; PROVIDING FOR A LOAN AGREEMENT SETTING FORTH THE DETAILS OF SAID BOND AND A PLEDGE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HALF-CENT SALES TAX REVENUES OF THE CITY IN ORDER TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND; DESIGNATING SAID BOND FOR THE EXCEPTION TO THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 WHICH DENY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ANY DEDUCTIONS FOR INTEREST EXPENSE ALLOCABLE TO TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (MAYOR MARONO)

Commissioner Bergouignan declared a conflict of interest and left the room. He has the same closing firm on his personal purchase. Upon motion by Commissioners Guerra and Lopez, second by Commissioner Duasso and unanimous 6-0 vote, the foregoing resolution was adopted and assigned #3641.

5. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; MODIFYING POLICY 1.2 WITHIN THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT RELATING TO DENSITY REQUIREMENTS FOR HOTEL AND UNIVERSITY HOUSING UNITS WITHIN THE MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL FUTURE LAND

USE MAP CATEGORY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SECOND READING AND SECOND PUBLIC HEARING) (STATE LAW REQUIREMENT)

The public hearing was opened. There being no persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed. Upon motion by Commissioner Lopez, second by Commissioner Duasso and unanimous 7-0 vote, the foregoing ordinance was adopted and assigned #3642.

6. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUPPORT EFFORTS BY FIU TO SUBMIT FOR US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TIGER GRANT FINANCING IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF TWENTY MILLION (\$20,000.000) DOLLARS, FOR THE PURPOSES OF PEDESTRIAN-ORIENTED AND MULTIMODAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND COMMUNITY TRANSIT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED MATTERS ON THE FIU MAIDIQUE CAMPUS LINKED WITH SIMILAR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, AND THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE THEREOF, APPROVING DRAFT DOCUMENTS, RATIFYING, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND FOR EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE THERETO, PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE. (MAYOR MARONO AND CHIEF OF STAFF)

Upon motion by Commissioner Bergouignan, second by Commissioner Duasso and unanimous 7-0 vote, the foregoing resolution was adopted and assigned #3643.

7. DISCUSSION OF RECENT ORDINANCE #3637, ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION THERE AND POSSIBLE CHANGES THERETO. (MAYOR MARONO)

The City Attorney is to meet with Commissioner Lopez to amend the ordinance to alleviate the problems the Administration is having in implementing it.

- 8.. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business before the City Commission, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Marie O. Schmidt, CMC
City Clerk